In accordance with the recommendations of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry, two officials are detailed every year to New York during the UNGA Session to assist those members of the Indian delegation who wish to speak in Hindi.

In pursuance of the resolutions passed in the first five World Hindi Conferences an MOU was signed between India and Mauritius for setting up a World Hindi Secretariat in Port Louis.

(b) and (c) At present six Misssions have posts of Hindi Officers. These six Missions are located in countries which have sizable number of people of Indian origin. The Missions are HCI, Port of Spain; HCI, Port Louis; HCI, George Town; HCI, London; E/I, Paramaribo and E/I, Kathmandu.

Ministry equips all Missions with Hindi-English and English-Hindi Dictionaries as well as the latest Hindi Softwares to facilitate translations. Creation of more Hindi Posts would be considered as per requirement and demand of the Missions/Posts.

Functioning of Government Offices abroad

†1581. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many offices of Government are situated abroad;

(b) if so, the name of the countries where such offices are situated in the year 1998-99 alongwith names of the offices and number of employees posted there at the same time; and

(c) the ares in which duties have been handed over to each offices alongwith their duties?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. At present, Government of India has 158 Missions/Posts abroad.

(b) A country-wise list for the year 1998-1999 is given in Statement. (*See* below). The total number of officers and staff in position at our Missions/Posts abroad for this period was 2246.

(c) All our Missions/Posts abroad perform a wide range of functions in the political, economic, commercial, consular, cultural, information, science & technology and other spheres with a view to projecting, promoting and safeguarding India's overall national interests.

Statement

List of Missions/Posts Functioning Abroad during Financial Year 1998-99

Country	Office	Missioin/Post
Algeria	Embassy of India	Algiers
Angola	Embassy of India	Luanda
Armenia	Embassy of India	Yerevan
Argentina	Embassy of India	Buenos Aires
Australia	High Commission of India	Canberra
	Consulate General of India	Sydney
Austria	Embassy of India	Vienna
Azerbaijan	Embassy of India	Baku
Bahrain	Embassy of India	Bahrain
Bangladesh	Assistant High Commission of India	Chittagong
Bangladesh	High Commission of India	Dhaka
	Assistant High Commission of India	Rajshahi
Belarus	Embassy of India	Minsk
Belgium	Embassy of India	Brussels
Bhutan	Embassy of India	Thimpu
Bhutan	Liaison Office	Phuntsholing
Botswana	High Commission of India	Gaborone
Brunei	High Commission of India	Brunei
Bulgaria	Embassy of India	Sofia

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Country	Office	Mission/Post
Burkina Faso	Embassy of India	Ouagadougou
Brazil	Embassy of India	Brasilia
	Consulate General of India	Sao Paulo
Cambodia	Embassy of India	Phnom Penh
Canada	High Commission of India	Ottawa
Canada	Consulate General of India	Toronto
Canada	Consulate General of India	Vancouver
Chile	Embassy of India	Santiago
China	Embassy of India	Beijing
	Consulate General of India	Hong Kong
	Consulate General of India	Shanghai
Colombia	Embassy of India	Bogota
Croatia	Embassy of India	Zagreb
Cuba	Embassy of India	Havana
Cyprus	High Commission of India	Nicosia
Czech Republic	Embassy of India	Prague
Denmark	Embassy of India	Copenhagen
Egypt	Embassy of India	Cairo
	Consulate General of India	Port Said
Ethiopia	Embassy of India	Addis Ababa
Finland	Embassy of India	Helsinki
Fiji	High Commission of India	Suva
France	Embassy of India	Paris
	Permanent Delegation of India	Paris
	Consulate General of India	St. Denis (Reunion Island)
Germany	O/O Embassy of India	Bonn
	Embassy of India	Berlin
	Consulate General of India	Frankfurt
	Consulate General of India	Hamburg

Country	Office	Mission/Post
Ghana	High Commission of India	Accra
Greece	Embassy of India	Athens
Guyana	High Commission of India	Georgetown
Hungary	Embassy of India	Budapest
Indonesia	Embassy of India	Jakarta
	Consulate General of India	Medan
Iran	Embassy of India	Tehran
	Consulate of India	Shiraz
	Consulate of India	Zahidan
Iraq	Embassy of India	Baghdad
Ireland	Embassy of India	Dublin
Isreal	Embassy of India	Telavív
Italy	Embassy of India	Rome
	Consulate General of India	Milan
Ivory Cost	Embassy of India	Abidjan
Jamaica	High Commission of India	Kingston
Japan	Embassy of India	Tokyo
	Consulate General of India	Osaka-Kobe
Jordan	Embassy of India	Amman
Kazakhstan	Embassy of India	Almaty
Kenya	High Commission of India	Nairobi
	Commission of India	Mombasa
Korea (N)	Embassy of India	Pyongyang
Korea (S)	Embassy of India	Seoul
Kuwait	Embassy of India	Kuwait
Kyrghyzstan	Embassy of India	Bishkek
Laos	Embassy of India	Vientiane
Lebanon	Embassy of India	Beirut
Libya	Embassy of India	Tripoli
Madagascar	Embassy of India	Antananarivo
Malaysia	High Commission of India	Kuala Lumpur
Maldives	High Commission of India	Male

Country	Office	Mission/Post
Malta	Assistant High Commission of India	Malta (Valeta)
Miauritius	High Commission of India	Port Louis
Mexico	Embassy of India	Mexico City
Mongolia	Embassy of India	Ulan Bator
Morocco	Embassy of India	Rabat
Mozambique	High Commission of India	Maputo
Myanmar	Embassy of India	Yangon
Namibia	High Commission of India	Windhoek
Nepal	Embassy of India	Kathmandu
Netherlands	Embassy of India	The hauge
New Zealand	High Commission of India	Wellington
Nigeria	High Commission of India	Lagos
Norway	Embassy of India	Oslo
Oman	Embassy of India	Muscut
Pakistan	High Commission of India	Islamabad
Palestine	Representative of India	Gaza
Panama	Embassy of India	Panzma
Papua New Guin	High Commission of India	Port Miresby
Peru	Embassy of India	Lima
Philippines	Embassy of India	Manila
Poland	Embassy of India	Warsaw
Portugal	Embassy of India	Lisbon
Qatar	Embassy of India	Doha
Romania	Embassy of India	Bucharest
Russian	Embassy of India	Moscow
Federation	Consulate General of India	St. Petersburg
	Consulate General of India	Vladivostok
Saudi Arabia	Embassy of India	Riyadh
	Consulated General of India	Jeddah
Senegal	Embassy of India	Dakar
Seychelles	High Commission of India	Mahe

Country	Office	Mission/Post
Singapore	High Commission of India	Singapore
Slovak Republic	Embassy of India	Bratislava
South Africa	High Commission of India	Pretoria
	O/O High Commission of India	Capetown
	Consulate General of India	Durban
	Consulate General of India	Johannesburg
Spain	Embassy of India	Madrid
Sri Lanka	High Commission of India	Colombo
	Assistant High Commission of India	Kandy
Sudan	Embassy of India	Khartoum
Suriname	Embassy of India	Paramaribo
Sweden	Embassy of India	Stockholm
Switzerland	Embassy of India	Berne
	Cousulate General of India	Genera
	Permanent Mission of India	Geneva
Syria	Embassy of India	Damascus
Tajikistan	Embassy of India	Dushanbe
Tanzania	High Commission of India	Dar-es-Salaam
	Consultate General of India	Zanzibar
Thailand	Embassy of India	Bangkok
	Consulate of India	Chiangmai
Trinidad & To-bago	High Commission of India	Port of Spain
Tunisia	Embassy of India	Tunis
Turkey	Embassy of India	Ankara
	Consulate General of India	Istanbul
Turkmenistan	Embassy of India	Ashkhabad
Uganda	High Commission of India	Kampala
Ukraine	Embassy of India	Kiew
UAE	Embassy of India	Abu Dhabi
	Consulate General of India	Dubai
UK	High Commission of India	London
	Consulate General of India	Birmingham
	Consulate General of India	Glasgow
USA	Embassy of India	Washington
	Consulate General of India	Chicago
	Consulate General of India	Houston
	Consulate General of India	New York
	Permanent Mission of India	New York
	Consulate General of India	San Francisco

Country	Office	Mission/Post
Uzbekistan	Embassy of India	Tashkent
Venezuela	Embassy of India	Caracas
Vietnam	Embassy of India	Hanoi
	Consulate General of India	Ho Chi Minh City
Yemen	Embassy of India	Sana'a
Yugoslavia	Embassy of India	Belgrade
Zambia	High Commission of India	Lusaka
Zimbabwe	High Commission of India	Harare

Note:

1. Total number of countries : 116
2. Total number of mission/Posts as under : 158

Embassies	High Commissions	Consulates General	Special Missions	Other Missions/ Posts	Total
84	30	29	3	12	=158

Settlement of Sir Creek Dispute

1582. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attempts have been made to settle Sir Creek dispute between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether there is any plan for negotiations on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have held discussions on the Sir Creek issue with the Government of Pakistan on six previous occasions. The last meeting on the issue was held on 9 November 1998 in New Delhi as part of the composite dialogue process. During these discussions, Government pointed out that the boundary in the area had already been settled on the basis of the Resolution of 1914. Furthermore, in 1925, maps had been published based on the